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while this acknowledgment is due to the disand worthy patrons of these noble arts, it is mal source of humiliation and sorrow to behold parent apathy and indifference with which they n to regard the incomparably more valuable cre-

es them adorn the walls of the Capitol with the ing revelations of the pencil, and decorate the grounds with the costly chef d'œuvres of the is an omeu of good which will be hailed and auded by all as a cheering pledge of the progress finement. But, whilst they lavish their thous-1900a these immobile products of canvass and e and bronze, they offer no reward for the more more enduring and renowned ovations of he No fostering hand from these high places has yet invited the Promethan fire of poetry to anithe history of our country, which, with all its nony of form and wonder of proportion, lies asleep mi the humble vault of Mount Vernon, ready to og into life and beauty at the first kindling touch s genial inspiration.

surely were a work of supererogation to introduce proofs that crowd the records of the past to show far above all other stands the "divine art" of What are all the paintings, statues, and rega-Versailles, of Fontainbleau, and the Tuileries, ared with the "Marseilles Hymn?" What the panoply of gold and gems heaped up in the er of London; what the collections of the Royal emy, or even the time.hallowed shrines of Westster Abbey, when compared with the songs of us, and Dibden, and Campbell? Or what has the that we would take in exchange for "Hail Coand the "Star-Spangled Banner?" Well the British statesman exclaim, "let me but the ballads of a nation, and I care not who

far as the living, breathing man is above the cold ensate marble that is made to represent him; as as the ratiant skies of summer are above the perble canvass to which the painter bas transferred r feeble resemblance, so far is poetry above all er arts that have their mission to console and eleand inspire the immortal mind of man.

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[For the Daily Evening Star.]

TO KATE.

In vain-in vain my heavy heart The harp's alluring measures fail; Before my brain past visions start, And memory bids them never pale.

They whisper me of brighter hours, Of moments past forever by; When 'twas to me a heaven to gaze Upon that brow and full bright eye.

And of en, Kate, at twilight hour I've lingered on the starlit lee, And then, as dew along the flower. My soul would fondly turn to thee.

Though mem'ry often in the bowl Awhile is ravished of her will-Though pleasure steeps the madden'd soul, The heart, the heart is lonely still.

Away! fond dreams of moments fled! Let Lethe's waters be thy tomb; And let me bathe my burning head And bleeding heart within its gloom.

Adieu, fair girl! I must away, For here my heart will but rebel; If love depart I cannot stay, But sadly breathe farewell, farewell.

A RACE FOR LIFE.

BY ONE OF THE ACTORS.

[Concluded.]

With a sweep, the horse turned in spite of me. The left runner struck high on the roots of a pine, and the sleigh swung over like a flash, burying us in deep snow. Away sped the horse, and my heart sank as I heard his quick footsteps dying out towards

The maddened pack had followed the horse, and shot by us as we were thrown out upon the bank, for a number of rods. A shriek from Carry arrested them in their career; in an instant they were upon us. I gave one long desperate shout, in the hope of arousing the folks in the cabin. I had no time to shout again. Their breath burned upon me, and their dark mass gathered around like the shadows of doom.

With a broken limb I wildly kept them at bay for a moment, but fiercer and closer surged the gnashing teeth. Carry lay insensible on the ground before me. There was one more chance. A stunted pine grew upon the outer edge of the bank, and shot out nearly horizontally over the river below, full a hundred feet from the surface.

Dashing madly in their their teeth my cudgel, I yelled with the waning energy of despair, grasped Carry with one arm, and dashed recklessly out upon the pine. I thought not of danger; I cared not. I braved one danger to escape a greater. I reached the branches. I breathed more free as I heard the fierce howl of the baffled pack.

I turned my head, and God of mercy! a long shadow was gliding along on the trunk of our last refuge. Carry was helpless, and it required all the strength of despair to hold her and remain upon the slippery trunk. I turned to face the wolfhe was in reach of my arm. I struck with my fist, and again those fearful jaws shut with a snap, as my hand brushed his head. With a demoniac growl he fastened upon the shoulder of Carry. O! for help-for a weapon-foothold on earth, where I could have grappled with the monster.

I heard the long fangs crunch into the flesh, and the smothered breathing as the wolf continued to make sure his hold! Oh! it was horrible! I beat him over the head. but he only deigned to growl. I yelled, wept, cursed, prayed, but the hungry devil cared not for curses or prayers. His companions were still howling and whining, and venturing out upon the pine. I almost wished the tree would give way.

The wolf still kept his hold upon Carry. None can dream how the blood hissed and swept through my knotted veins. At last the brute, hungry for his prey, gave a wrench and nearly threw me from the pine. the crunching teeth of the monster did not awaken her from the deathly swoon into which she had fallen.

Another wrench was made by the wolf, and Carry's waist slipped from my aching grasp, leaving me but the hold upon the skirt of her dress. The incarnate devil had released his hold, but, as if aware of the danger beneath, retained his gripe on the shoulder of Carry.

The end had come! My brain reeled! The long body of the wolf hung downward like a dark shadow into the abyss, fast wearing out my remaining strength. The blood gushed warmly from my nostrils, and light danced and flashed across my eyeballs. The overtaxed muscles of the hand would

relax and as instantly close convulsively upon the eluding skirt. I heard a tearing as if of stitches. The black mass writhed and wrenched as if to deepen the hold. A sharp crackling mingled with the humming noises in my head, and the dress parted at the waist! I shrieked as I heard the swooping sound of the fall of the black devil and his victim, as they shot down into the darkness. I heard something like the bay of the old house-dog and the firing of guns-and heard no more.

Weeks and months passed away before the fearful delirium of that night left me. I returned to consciousness in my father's cabin, an emaciated creature, as helpless as a child. The raven locks of twenty had changed to the silver ones of eighty years of age. Look at this arm that clung to Carry! It is withered. I have never raised it since that night. In my dreams I feel again that fearful night, and awake covered with the cold clammy sweat that gathered upon me while on that pine.

The neighing of the horse, as he dashed into the clearing, had aroused the people at home. The empty and broken sleigh told a brief story. The howling of the wolves arose on the blast, and with guns and the old house-dog, they rushed towards the sad scene.

They found me senseless upon the trunk covered with blood, and wolf feeling his way towards me. In turning at the sound of their approach he slipped and went down upon the ice. I thank God for that.

Our people looked long for Carry Mason, but did not find her till next morning. They then went down on the ice and found her corpse. The wolves had not picked her crushed bones.

The fall partially broke the ice, and the cozing water had frozen and fastened her long black hair as it had floated out. The wolf had not released his death-grasp, and his teeth were buried in her pure white

The spring sunshine and birds and green leaves had come again, as I tottered out. My sister led to a grave on the river's bank, the grave of all my youthful hopes, and all that I loved. The wild flowers were already starting on the sacred mound. I wept over them and blessed them, for they were blooming over the grave of Carry.

ALE.—Although Albany ale is world renowned, few comparatively are aware of the extent to which its manufacture is carried on in this city. There are, at present, eight breweries in town, which consume, in the aggregate, at a fair estimate, over 750,-000 bushels of barley a year, which, at an average cost of 75 cents per bushel, would amount to an investment of over \$500,000 in that article alone. The other expenses rents, barrels, hire, &c., will swell the amount immensely.

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The Glasgow steamship company have contracted for another steamer to run between New York and Glasgow, in conjunction with the steamer Glasgow. A commercial house at Bremen are about to put two steamers, recently purchased from the German States on the line for New York.

A Swiss soldier was found dead in the streets of Palermo (Italy,) with a dagger sticking in his breast, to which was attached a piece of paper with the words: "The Vengeance of Mazzini!" written up-

BRIEF BUT WITTY .- "Well, George," said a friend to a young lawyer who had been "admitted" about a year, "how do you like your profession?"

The reply was accompanied with a brief sigh, to suit the occasion; "My profession is much better than my practice."